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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the September 13, 2000 Final Office Action which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A reply to the September 13, 2000 Final Office Action was originally due December 13, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from December 13, 2000 to March 13, 2001. The fee for a small entity for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a reply to the

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